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7. The session of the Kleine Kommission of the Foreign Ministry on 8 June was devoted almost exclusively to the flight of the British Foreign Office employees Burgess and Maclean. Dertinger later stated that he had been informed by Karlshorst that the two men had gone to the Soviet Union.
8. At a closed press conference in Weimar on 11 June, Werner Eggerath, Minister President of Thuringia, asked the press to explain to the masses the necessity of reintroducing the rationing of grain and potatoes. It is understood that two thirds of the Thuringian grain crop is exported to the USSR and Czechoslovakia.
9. In a letter of 13 June, Dertinger and his wife were invited to spend a vacation in Ulan Bator in the Mongolian People's Republic.
10. Helene Berner, of the Foreign Ministry staff, spent a six weeks' vacation in a Moscow sanatorium, from which she returned on 19 June. She said she had not been permitted to visit a spa in the Caucasus, as she had wished to do, because the whole southern part of the country was sealed off for strategic reasons.
11. Gerhard Eisler, head of the Office of Information, is now forbidden to deal with diplomats accredited to the DDR government. All contacts must be directed through the Foreign Ministry.
12. A law is being prepared by the East German government to prohibit employees from resigning, while the state is to be allowed to discharge them on two weeks' notice.

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